Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and,

Whereas, According to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans; and,

Whereas, Symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and,

Whereas, There are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, much more research is needed for better management of the disease; and,

Whereas, Increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure; and,

Whereas, A multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and,

Whereas, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State